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Script Pattern for Intelligence Process Film

1. This script pattern encounters difficulty for the principal reason that it tries to include the whole of the intelligence process in one brief chronology of events. Matters do not work this way in real life, and the script pattern must therefore invent here and abbreviate there.

2. I think that a film on the NIE activity would be fine. So also would be a film on intelligence in support of plans, operations, or one on the intelligence which services other intelligence production (the script pattern omits mention of finished intelligence that is self-initiated and completed well in advance of any specific request for it like this SNIE). Such films would have to be more sophisticated than the script pattern promises in this case, and would be most useful in more advanced phases of training.

3. Some spot comments that are additional to those made by Chief/E follow:

a. Page 3 -- The "needs of NSC" do not "naturally govern the type of intelligence collected by the various agencies". Collection of that part which is departmental intelligence is governed by the needs of the department concerned.

b. Page 8 -- Add Geography Division, GSA, for analysis of geographic factors--such as terrain and fortifications along the USSR-Turkish border--that bear on indications to be discussed in the SNIE.

c. Page 11 -- Change "Geography" statement to read: "Requested to provide geographic analyses and contribute collateral data as required for ERA and OSI research."

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